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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

This amendment and response is being filed in response to the non-final Official Action dated March 30, 2004. A petition for a 1-month extension and fee are also being filed together with this correspondence. Applicants respectfully request that the amendment be entered prior to examination of the abovecaptioned patent application.

Claim amendments begin on page 2 of this paper.

Applicants' remarks begin on page 21 of this paper.

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